

S797:

Ensure Timely Payment of 2012 Medicaid Costs

2011-2013 General Assembly

SUMMARY: The bill directs the Governor to make up to \$205,500,000 available in order to assure the timely payment of Medicaid providers during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1(a) of the bill directs the Governor, in conjunction with other State officials, to transfer up to \$205,500,000 to the Medicaid program in order to ensure that Medicaid providers are paid on a timely basis during the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

Funds are directed to be used for this purpose in the following priority order, and only to the extent necessary to ensure timely Medicaid provider payments:

Source of Funds:	Amount:
Funds available within the Department of Health and Human Services (that will not create an obligation in subsequent fiscal years)	\$50,000,000
Repairs and Renovations Funds Allocated to the Department of Health and Human Services	\$10,500,000
2011-2012 General Fund reversions	\$105,000,000
Projected revenue overcollections for the 2011-2012 fiscal year	\$20,000,000
Repairs and Renovations Funds	\$20,000,000

Section 1(b) limits fund transfers to amounts actually required to pay Medicaid providers through the end of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. To the extent that funds are not required for this purpose, the authority to transfer the funds lapses and any unspent portion of transferred funds must be returned to its source.

Section 1(c) requires that a report on the implementation of the act be filed with the House and Senate Appropriations committees and with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations no later than October 1, 2012.

Section 2 prohibits the drawing down or transfer of unearned or borrowed Medicaid Disproportionate Share Receipts or other funds if doing so creates or increases a financial obligation in the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The bill is effective when it becomes law.